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Postwar Iraq Is On Its Feet Despite Strict UN Embargo

By Paul Lewis New York Times Service UNITED NATIONS, New York — Two years after a strict embargo was imposed, Iraq has repaired almost all of the 134 bridges cut by allied bombing...



A Bosnian Serbian family crossing the river Drina to Serbia on Sunday after abandoning their home and belongings to escape an advance by Muslim forces.

Serbia Still Runs 135 Prison Camps, U.S. Thinks

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Five months after Serbian officials agreed to shut down a network of detention camps established during the Balkan war...

the detention and transfer of Muslim and Croatian prisoners than it has maintained. American officials estimate that as many as 70,000 prisoners overall may be in detention centers run by the three main warring factions...

captives cannot be determined with certainty. After news reports last summer depicted emaciated inmates of Serbian-run detention centers in northern Bosnia...

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Red Cross has officially registered 10,800 detainees in the Balkan war. About 8,000 have been freed, and the Red Cross says it is now visiting 2,750 detainees held in 18 sites.

Aspin says he believes Saddam 'has to go' if Iraq is to comply with UN resolutions. Page 5. construction equipment and material left behind by foreign companies after sanctions forced them out of Iraq. The canal will drain saline water out of about 3.5 million acres (1.4 million hectares) of land...

Croatia Ends Offensive, but UN Fears Rekindled War

By Blaine Harden Washington Post Service BELGRADE — The president of Croatia announced Sunday that his country's forces had "finished" their three-day offensive in Serb-occupied Croatian territory.

via. "The Serbs have brought up a lot of, I mean a lot of, armor. The next 24 hours are going to be critical." The president of the rump state of Yugoslavia, Dobrica Cosic, described the Croatian attack as "a veritable war," adding that it "seriously undermines and compromises" peace talks in Geneva that are aimed at ending a nine-month-long war in neighboring Bosnia.

zic, that their armies would not intervene in the fighting. Speaking on state television on Sunday night in Zagreb, President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia described his army's surprise attack in the Krajina region as a limited incursion aimed only at securing a route to the Adriatic Sea.

minority, whose fighters were backed by the Serb-dominated Yugoslav Army. In his announcement of an end to the offensive, Mr. Tudjman made it clear that his army would not be withdrawing from the territory it had overrun.



When Push Comes to Shove, a U.S. Victory in Japan Chad Rowan, the towering Hawaiian who wrestles under the name Akebono, driving Takahanada from the ring Sunday in the final match to win a sumo tournament in Tokyo. With his victory over Japan's most popular wrestler, it appeared probable that Rowan would become the first non-Japanese grand champion in the history of the ancient sport. Page 13.

Saudis Call on OPEC to Reduce Output

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service CAIRO — In a move that is likely to substantially boost sagging oil prices, Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer and exporter, called upon the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to reduce its overall output of oil production by 1 million barrels a day for the fiscal second quarter, which begins in March.

as he began a tour of the 12 member countries of OPEC, during which he hopes to deal with the steep drop of oil prices, which have fallen by \$4 a barrel since October. It is the biggest oil-price drop in more than three years. Adhering to production quotas has been a goal that long has eluded the OPEC producers.

The move signals a temporary end to Saudi Arabia's policy of maximizing production. The country has steadily increased output to a current level of 8.4 million barrels a day from 3.5 million barrels a day in 1990. It sometimes has pumped oil at a rate of 9 million barrels a day. The policy would reduce Saudi Arabia's own production to about 8 million barrels a day.

Kiosk Justice Marshall Is Dead at 84

Thurgood Marshall, 84, the first African-American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, died of heart failure on Sunday in Bethesda, Maryland. Justice Marshall, who retired in 1991, was appointed to the court on June 13, 1967, by President Lyndon B. Johnson, climaxing a career as a civil rights lawyer, appeals court judge and U.S. solicitor general. (Page 5)

Germans Explain (and Insult)

By Marc Fisher Washington Post Service BERLIN — Jason Sargent, a high school teacher of German in Olathe, Kansas, had some simple questions for the German people, so he wrote them a letter. "What should I believe?" Mr. Sargent asked in an appeal published in several German newspapers. "I would like to bring friends and students to Germany next summer. How can I do that now? I am responsible for them. Will they be hurt? Can you guarantee their safety? Am I welcome? Have you learned nothing from your past? Can this hate happen again?"

Six weeks and 500 responses later, Mr. Sargent's mailbox is still stuffed daily with dozens of letters from Germans who want to explain, apologize, encourage or, in rare instances, deliver insults. He received invitations for his students to stay with families. He got offers of free buses, tours and meetings with government, sports and school officials. And he inadvertently tapped into an unusual national debate that a TV talk show summed up. See LETTER, Page 4

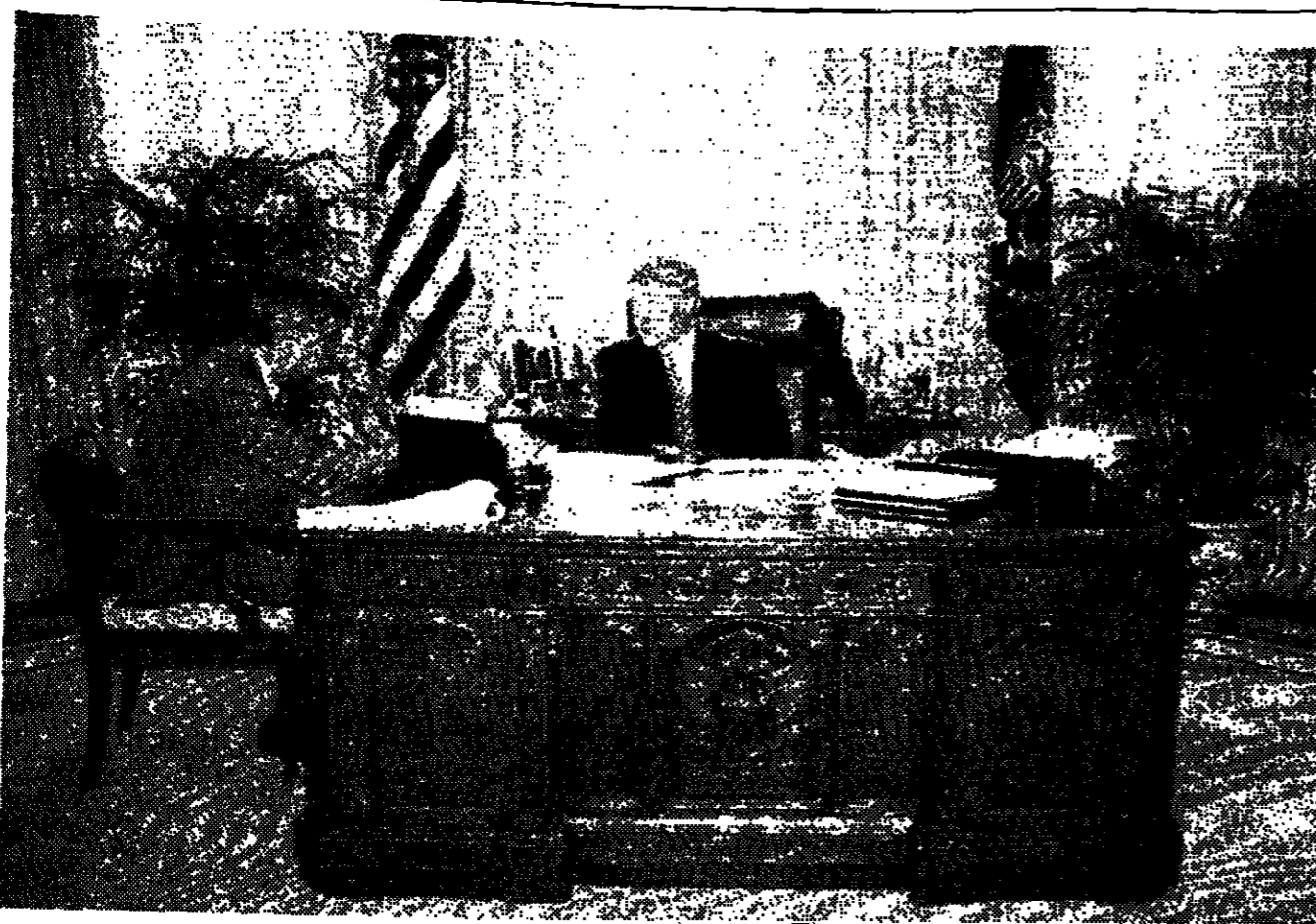
Defanging of a Racial Epithet?

Increasingly vocal Hindu nationalists are pressing to lead a redefined India. Page 5. Business/Finance The Australian firm Westpac has named an American as managing director. Page 7. Fashion If there's a future for Paris couture, Christian Lacroix is it. Page 14.

By Michel Martiotti New York Times Service NEW YORK — One of America's oldest and most searing epithets — "nigger" — is flooding into the nation's popular culture, giving rise to a bitter debate among blacks about its historically ugly power and its increasingly open use in an integrated society. Whether thoughtlessly or by de-

sign, large numbers of a post-civil-rights generation of blacks have turned to the conspicuous use of "nigger" just as they have gained considerable cultural influence through rap music and related genres. Some blacks, mostly young people, argue that their open use of the word will eventually demystify it, strip it of its racist meaning. They liken it to the way some homosexuals have started referring to themselves as "queers" in a defiant slap at an old slur. But other blacks — most of them older — say that "nigger," no matter who uses it, is such a hideous pejorative that it should be stricken from the national vocabulary. At a time when they perceive a deepening racial estrangement, they say it See EPTIHET, Page 4

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Bill Clinton, in Oval Office, with Robert Rubin, the Economic Council head. Mr. Clinton chose the same desk John F. Kennedy used.

Bush Aide FBI Chief Fights for His Post Who Made Sessions Harangues Press and Assails Barr

WASHINGTON — His job as FBI director in peril, William S. Sessions has summoned reporters to his office for an impassioned 90-minute defense of his conduct, saying he was the victim of a political attack and false accusations by the Justice Department. In caustic and often emotional terms, Mr. Sessions argued his case like a defense lawyer making a final plea to save his reputation. He denounced former Attorney General William P. Barr and the Justice Department's internal ethics office, saying, "It is they who should hang their heads in shame."

Clinton-Yeltsin Summit Is Planned

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton and President Boris N. Yeltsin have agreed to arrange a summit meeting. Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary, said Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin had agreed that Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozirev of Russia would work out the details. Mr. Yeltsin's office said the two leaders planned to hold their summit talks in a third country, but Ms. Myers said no decisions had been made on the timing or location. She said that the two leaders had discussed economic and foreign policy issues and that Mr. Clinton had reaffirmed his support for Mr. Yeltsin's economic reforms.

Men in the Running For Top Justice Job

WASHINGTON — The White House spokesman, George Stephanopoulos, said Sunday that after the embarrassment of having to withdraw the nomination of Zot Baird for attorney general, President Bill Clinton "is looking for the best person for the job." The president's press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said Mr. Clinton would waste no time in making the appointment, although she provided no timetable. "He's acting expeditiously," she said on a public affairs broadcast on CNN. Mr. Stephanopoulos spoke on the ABC News program "This Week With David Brinkley," in the wake of the new administration's first setback — Ms. Baird's retreat in the face of public outcry over her having employed an illegal alien couple as domestic help. White House sources said Mr. Clinton's original desire to name the nation's first woman attorney general was no longer the overriding factor in the selection. There were conflicting signals about whether Judge Patricia M. Wald, 64, named to the federal bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 and now the chief judge of the federal appeals court here, was interested in the position.

Aspin Asks Compromise On Gay Ban in Military

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Sunday that he was trying to prevent a "revolt" among military leaders and in Congress over President Bill Clinton's plan to permit homosexuals in the armed forces. Mr. Aspin asked for six months to produce a compromise. He said he had made clear in a memorandum to Mr. Clinton that any executive order ending the ban on homosexuals would be overturned by Congress — even over a presidential veto — unless the military backed the White House. Mr. Aspin said he was telling Pentagon officials that if they did not accept a removal of the ban on their own terms, U.S. courts would eventually force the military to end discrimination. He and George Stephanopoulos, the White House spokesman, said the president would keep his campaign promise and end the ban. Mr. Clinton won broad campaign support from homosexuals after he promised to lift the ban. Mr. Clinton was to meet Monday with the Joint Chiefs, who are reportedly unanimous in their opposition to lifting the ban. Time magazine's upcoming issue quotes the chief's chairman, General Colin L. Powell, as saying he would consider resigning if the White House imposed a policy that he objected to on moral and practical grounds. — PAUL F. HORVITZ

Reactor Test in Space Delayed by Pentagon

NEW YORK — Pentagon officials, responding to complaints by astronomers, have agreed to defer for at least six months any commitments to carry out a nuclear reactor test in orbit. The delay would give scientists time to assess the chances that the test might produce radiation that could interfere with astronomical observations. The decision was reached last week after a meeting with astronomers, mission planners and scientists familiar with the Russian-made Topaz 2 nuclear reactor planned for use in the \$150 million experiment. The reactor test is part of the military's plan to investigate new technologies for generating electricity for missile defense monitors in space and for long-distance propulsion systems. "We are committed to making sure the test does not interfere with any astronomy mission," said Major Frederick A. Tarantino.

DEATH NOTICE Mrs. Rosemarie D. Wasserman-Roth, in Monte Carlo; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher and Irene Wasserman and their children Gregory, Helene, Lavinia and Constance, in Geneva; Mr. Frederico Wasserman, in New York; Miss Victoria Wasserman, in Echichens and her fiancé, Mr. Marc Sussock, in Geneva; Mrs. Dora Roth, in Morges; Mr. and Mrs. W. Lins-Roth and their children, in Liestal; Mr. and Mrs. Georges Roth and their children, in Morges; Parents and friends, have great sorrow in announcing the death of Mr. René WASSERMAN Prof. Dr. ès sc. Techn., h.c. on January 21, 1993. In accordance with the wishes of the deceased, the funeral took place privately in Monte Carlo. A memorial service will be held in the Temple in Morges on January 29, 1993. Address of the family: 31, avenue Princesse Grace, 98000 Monte Carlo, Monaco.

POLITICAL NOTES

Inaugural Left a Good Impression, Poll Shows NEW YORK — President Bill Clinton earned a favorable rating from over three-fifths of Americans in his first days in office, according to an opinion poll. In a poll published in Newsweek magazine, 61 percent of respondents said they had a favorable opinion of Mr. Clinton as president and 28 percent said what they saw or heard of the inauguration last week increased their good opinion of him. Twenty-six percent of the 663 people polled Thursday and Friday had an unfavorable opinion of Mr. Clinton and 13 percent expressed no opinion, Newsweek said.

Abortion Policies Draw Vatican Reaction

ROME — The Vatican castigated Mr. Clinton for his abortion policies, saying the new administration has "embarked on the path of death and violence against innocent beings." Both the speed of the Vatican's response and its harsh language suggested that Pope John Paul II was signaling the onset of a public struggle with the Clinton administration on an issue that divides American Catholics as much as it inspires some of the church's strongest beliefs. The unsigned editorial in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, which is frequently used to present the Church's views, came shortly after Mr. Clinton issued five abortion-related memorandums in Washington, including a repeal of the ban on abortion counseling at federally financed clinics. Although the Vatican's response was no surprise, the tone of the editorial reflected a sense that the Roman Catholic Church had suffered an important setback on abortion just when its strict rulings are under challenge in predominantly Catholic Ireland and in many parts of Europe and the Third World. "Believing that he is keeping faith with electoral promises, President Bill Clinton has already changed the rules of his predecessors, Ronald Reagan and George Bush, that favored the right to life of the unborn child," the editorial said. "Those who were hoping that Clinton's first acts would promote a 'renewal' involving first of all the protection of human rights have had a big disappointment. "With the recent measures, the declared 'renewal' has embarked on the path of death and violence against innocent beings. This is not progress for the United States, nor for humanity," the editorial said. (NYT)

Clinton's Mom Knows How to Pick a Winner

LAUREL, Maryland — President Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, wrapped up her inaugural week in Washington with a visit to nearby Laurel Race Course, where she picked three winners in the first six races. Mrs. Kelley got a tour of the course from track executives and a tip on the fourth race from the trainer, Eddie Gandet. His horse, Yen of the Irish, finished first and paid \$7 to win. Track officials confirmed that Mrs. Kelley bet on the horse but did not know how much. Indeed, she had two other winners in the first six races. Mrs. Kelley is a regular patron at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas. (AP)

Bush to Photographer: I Want to Be Alone

HOUSTON — Riding up in the elevator to work on Friday morning, the new ninth-floor tenant at the pink-granite office building on Memorial Drive turned to the lone photographer riding up with him and said politely but firmly that he could come to his office door but no further. "I've been in public for more than 20 years," said former President George Bush, who was wearing a windbreaker, checked shirt and running shoes and was lugging a briefcase and three duffel bags. "Now I just want a little time to myself." (NYT)

Quote-Unquote

William Sessions, director of the FBI: "I ask nothing more than that my conduct and actions, which have always been principled and ethical, be judged fairly and openly." (LAT)

Away From Politics

The abortion pill RU-486 may never be sold in the United States, despite a Clinton administration order to re-evaluate a ban against importation of the drug. The manufacturer, Paris-based Roussel-Uclaf, has shown no interest in entering the U.S. market because, some analysts say, it fears a threatened boycott of its other products by anti-abortion groups. A U.S. sailor is being held in Japan on charges of killing a homosexual shipmate. Terry M. Helvey, 20, of Eloise, Michigan, a navy airman, is accused of beating Seaman Allen R. Schindler, 22, at the U.S. naval base at Sasebo, Japan, one month after Seaman Schindler publicly acknowledged that he was homosexual and on the first day he was allowed to leave his ship after the navy began processing him for an administrative discharge. A small Lutheran congregation in San Francisco has decided to risk expulsion from America's third-largest Protestant denomination by installing a homosexual as its senior minister in defiance of a church-wide ban on homosexual clergy. The decision is the latest salvo in a bitter, nationwide struggle wracking Protestant churches over the ordination of homosexuals. Rodney G. King was beaten because he angered Los Angeles police officers who pursued him on a high-speed chase, a police dispatcher suggests in a previously undisclosed radio transcript. The four officers who were accused of beating him — and whose acquittal last spring touched off riots around the country — maintained that Mr. King was combative. New cars and light trucks will be equipped with small canisters to trap vapors when gasoline is pumped, under a new directive from the Environmental Protection Agency designed to cut down on urban smog. A federal appellate court directed the agency to require automakers to add the canisters. About 1,600 New York City police officers are being outfitted with powerful semiautomatic 9mm handguns. The distribution is part of the department's yearlong pilot project to determine if the rapid-fire weapons should be issued to all 30,000 officers. More than 300 anti-abortion demonstrators were arrested in Washington during protests at five medical clinics where abortions are performed. (LAT, WP, NYT)

AMERICAN TOPICS A \$5.3 Billion Subway Opens In the Land of the Automobile The \$5.3 billion Los Angeles subway opens this month, making the 4.1-mile run between MacArthur Park and Union Station with five stops in between. Last October, a 114-mile commuter train line called Metrolink started carrying passengers into downtown Los Angeles from outlying communities. These are part of a 30-year, \$183 billion network that is to include the subway, trolleys, commuter rail trains, buses and freeways, with 400 miles (650 kilometers) of light and heavy rail. The system, Mayor Tom Bradley said recently, will help the economy, reduce air pollution and ease traffic congestion. When it is complete, he added with a flourish of hyperbole, "We are going to have paradise in this community." Transit officials say the network is not aimed at abolishing the automobile. "When we've built all the rail, everybody is still going to go out and buy a car," said Jacki Bacharach, a member of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. "I'm hoping they won't buy their third or fourth car." Short Takes "For a city that prides itself on being international, cosmopolitan and sophisticated, New York's street names are parochial, uninspired," Michael T. Kaufman laments in a New York Times article. Paris has a Place des Etats-Unis, an Avenue de New York and streets named after Presidents Washington, Lincoln, Kennedy and Franklin Roosevelt. New York has never returned the favor. London has picturesque names like Threadneedle Street and Piccadilly Lane. About the best New York can do is Feathered Lane in the Bronx. For the most part, Mr. Kaufman laments, New York streets are designated by "highly functional but basically boring numbers or with the names of 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century real-estate interests." Bowling is declining in the United States, battered by changes in the way people spend their leisure hours. The active non-jog or play racketball: the passive have a rich assortment of sports shows on cable television. Thus bowling, which requires only moderate exertion, is being eroded on both sides. And bowling alleys often occupy tracts that are more or less converted into shopping malls or office buildings. The number of bowling alleys in the country has declined from 10,417 in 1960 to 7,904 in 1990. Arthur Higbee

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Aspin Says Saddam Must 'Go' If Iraq Is to Comply With UN

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — The departure of President Saddam Hussein is the only way to achieve Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions, Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Sunday.
 "I personally believe Saddam Hussein has to go," he said in a television interview.
 Mr. Aspin said that in practical terms, there is "no difference" between the goal of forcing Iraq to conform to UN resolutions and ousting Mr. Saddam.
 "If you got rid of Saddam Hussein and if that person continued the policies of Saddam Hussein — in other words his successor continued the policies of Saddam Hussein — that's not a successful outcome."
 "I think that there is no difference. In order to get those UN resolutions, Saddam Hussein has to go, so I think there's no difference," he said.
 Mr. Aspin also said there was some indication that Iraqi SAM anti-aircraft missiles had been moved back into the no-flight zone.

Secretary at the Ministry of Culture and Information, hinted that Iraq could not wait forever.
 "If we want to turn this opportunity to our advantage we have to view the cease-fire as one chapter in our whole struggle," he wrote.
 "In the end, we have to choose the appropriate time to wage the war in the light of the international situation and the practical and tangible attitudes of the new administration."
 UN experts, meanwhile, said they expected to resume the destruction of chemical weapons at the Muthanna complex north of Baghdad on Monday. The team, which had been kept out of Iraq for several weeks, is acting under a Gulf War cease-fire provision requiring Iraq to dismantle weapons of mass destruction.
 The United States has said its planes attacked air defense sites in

the no-flight zones in northern and southern Iraq on Thursday, Friday and Saturday after hostile acts by Iraqi troops.
 Iraq has denied that its forces fired at or turned targeting radar on any allied planes in the zones since it announced a cease-fire beginning Wednesday as a gesture to the new Clinton administration.
 Pentagon officials said the latest incident occurred Saturday night, when three U.S. Navy aircraft — one A-6 Intruder bomber and two FA-18 fighter-bombers — were patrolling over the southern exclusion zone.
 The officials said the Iraqis fired flares and anti-aircraft guns and directed search radar at the planes. A Defense Department spokesman, Army Major Michael Doble, said the A-6 dropped a 1,000-pound laser-guided bomb in response. (AFP, AP, Reuters)

Hindu Nationalists Seek to Lead Redefined India

By Edward A. Gargan
New York Times Service
NEW DELHI — When India gained independence from Britain 46 years ago, it enshrined secularism and tolerance in its constitution and spurned the idea of identifying itself as a Hindu country, emphasizing economic and social progress.
 Now, after a month and a half of sectarian violence that followed the destruction of a 16th-century mosque by Hindu militants, many of India's Hindus are confronting their religious and cultural identity more starkly than they have at any time since independence and have advanced the view that Hindu values need to be defended and propagated, by violence if necessary.
 With more power and authority than many Indians thought possible, many Hindu religious and political organizations have stepped forward demanding the leadership of India.
 Some of their objectives remain unfulfilled, but it is clear that the India they envision would be very different from the present one.

Under the Bharatiya Janata Party, the main opposition to the governing Congress (I) Party, India would move swiftly to build nuclear weapons, ban much foreign investment, take a far tougher stand with and vigorously promote a sense of Hindu accomplishments and triumph in religion, education and culture.
 At the same time, the party has declared that many of the country's problems, like rapid population growth and widespread illiteracy, are not serious concerns and that they would not be the focus of governmental activity.
 "The aim is to make India a great country," said Kavel Rama Malkani, the vice president and principal spokesman for the party.
 After the demolition of the mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya, six weeks of violence engendered or encouraged by the party's more extreme members and supporters left nearly 3,000 people dead, including more than 500 in Bombay this month.
 Despite this, the Bharatiya Janata Party is convinced that it has captured the hearts

and minds of a majority of the country's 726 million Hindus, who make up 83 percent of the population.
 The government was sharply criticized for its failure to prevent the destruction of the mosque and to control the violence that followed. Amid the political tumult, it is unclear if Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao will be forced to call an early election, despite aggressive efforts by the Bharatiya Janata Party to force one.
 But M. I. Khan, editor of the weekly newsletter Political Events, said a defection by Congress Party members of Parliament sympathetic to the Hindu cause would precipitate an election, one that would be devastating for the Congress Party.
 "In my view if elections are held under Narasimha Rao, the BJP could win 200 seats, or even more," said Mr. Khan. The party now holds 119 seats, about a fifth of the total. The Congress Party has 245, governing with the help of allies from smaller parties.
 The Bharatiya Janata Party has said it will conduct a nationwide campaign of

demonstrations, strikes and disruptions of government in an effort to force elections three years before they are scheduled.
 Several polls conducted by leading Indian news magazines and newspapers show the gap between the Congress Party and the Bharatiya Janata Party narrowing sharply.
 For the first time, the party is thinking seriously about how it would govern India. Foremost among its intentions is to deploy nuclear weapons. India exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and is thought by arms control experts to have nuclear weapons or to be able to make them.
 "We should go nuclear and sign NPT as a nuclear weapons state," said Mr. Malkani, referring to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. "The whole world will recognize us by our power."
 The party's nuclear policy seems driven by two concerns, one its intention to rattle sabers with Pakistan — Western intelligence agencies are convinced that Pakistan has nuclear weapons — and the other to overcome what it sees as discrimination by the West.

Ex-Justice Thurgood Marshall, 84, Dies

By Linda Greenhouse
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Thurgood Marshall, the first black ever to serve on the United States Supreme Court, died Sunday of heart failure at Bethesda Naval Medical Center. He was 84 years old.
 Justice Marshall, who retired from the court in failing health in 1991, was a figure of civil-rights history well before he began his 24-year service on the high court on Oct. 2, 1967, on the nomination of President Lyndon B. Johnson.
 During more than 20 years he was director-counsel of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. There, he was the principal architect of the strategy of using the courts to provide what the political system would not: a definition of equality that assured citizenship rights for black Americans.
 His greatest legal victory came in 1954, with the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which declared an end to the "separate but equal" system of racial segregation then in effect in the public schools of 21 states.
 Despite the years of turmoil that followed the unanimous decision, the court left no doubt that it was bringing an end to the era of official segregation in all public institutions. Questions lingered after so monumental a transformation, and the court continued to confront issues involving the legacy of segregation even after Justice Marshall



Justice Marshall served 24 years on the Supreme Court.

retired as an associate justice in 1991.
 As a civil-rights lawyer, he devised the legal strategy and headed the team that brought the school desegregation issue before the court. An experienced Supreme Court advocate by that time, he argued the case himself in the straightforward, plainspoken manner that was the hallmark of his style. Asked by Justice Felix Frankfurter during the argument what he meant by "equal," he replied, "Equal means getting the same thing, at the same time, and in the same place."
 He won many other important civil rights cases, including a challenge to the whites-only primary elections in Texas. Because the candidates selected in the Democratic primaries almost always won the general election, this device was a common method by which white Southern politicians disenfranchised black voters.
 Justice Marshall, who was born and reared in Baltimore, was excluded from the all-white University of Maryland law school. Later, he won lawsuits that integrated not only that school but also several other state university systems.
 He received his legal education at the law school of Howard University, the nation's preeminent black university, where he graduated first in his class in 1933.
 Years later, the University of Maryland named its law library for him, and Baltimore honored him by placing a bronze likeness, more than 8 feet tall, outside the federal courthouse.
 "To do what he did required a heroic imagination," Paul Gewirtz, one of Justice Marshall's former law clerks, wrote in a tribute published after the justice retired.
 For much of his Supreme Court career, as the court's majority increasingly drew back from affirmative action and other remedies for discrimination that he believed were still necessary to combat the nation's legacy of racism, Justice Marshall used dissenting opinions to express his disappointment and anger.

In 1978, for example, in the Bakke case, in which the court found it unconstitutional for a state-run medical school to reserve 16 of 100 places in the entering class for black and other minority students, Justice Marshall filed a separate 16-page opinion tracing the black experience in America.
 "In light of the sorry history of discrimination and its devastating impact on the lives of Negroes," he wrote, "bringing the Negro into the mainstream of American life should be a state interest of the highest order. To fail to do so is to insure that America will forever remain a divided society."
 He dissented in *City of Richmond v. Croson*, a 1989 ruling in which the court declared unconstitutional a municipal ordinance setting aside 30 percent of public contracting dollars for companies owned by blacks or members of other minorities. The court majority called the program a form of state-sponsored racism that was no less offensive to the Constitution than a policy officially favoring whites.
 In his dissenting opinion, Justice Marshall said that in reaching that conclusion, "a majority of this court signals that it regards racial discrimination as largely a phenomenon of the past, and that government bodies need no longer preoccupy themselves with rectifying racial injustice."
 He added: "I, however, do not believe this nation is anywhere close to eradicating racial discrimination or its vestiges."

No. 0012 of 1993

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF ENGLAND AND WALES
 Chancery Division Companies Court

IN THE MATTER OF
ST HELEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
 (IN LIQUIDATION)

and

IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order of Mr Registrar Buckley dated 14th January 1993 made in the above matter, the Court has directed that a meeting be convened of Scheme Creditors (as defined in the Scheme of Arrangement hereinafter described) for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement pursuant to section 425 of the Companies Act 1985 between the above Company and its Scheme Creditors and that such meeting be held at The Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY on Friday 12th March 1993 commencing at 11.00 a.m. at which place and time all such Scheme Creditors are requested to attend.

Under the Scheme of Arrangement, a Scheme Creditor means a creditor of the Company in respect of a Scheme Claim and a Scheme Claim means any claim against the Company under or arising out of a contract or treaty of insurance, reinsurance or retrocession entered into by the Company and which is admissible in the winding up of the Company.

Any creditor of the Company who is or believes that he may be entitled to attend the said meeting can obtain a copy of the Scheme of Arrangement, the Explanatory Statement required to be furnished under section 426 of the Companies Act 1985 and the Form of Proxy for use at the said meeting from the liquidators whose address is, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD (quote reference IDBB/BDH/SA4) or their solicitors, Clifford Chance, 200 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4J (quote reference AJOW/RAXB) in each case during usual business hours on any day (except Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday) prior to the date appointed for the said meeting.

Scheme Creditors may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person, whether a Scheme Creditor or not, as a proxy to attend and vote in their place. Completed Forms of Proxy should be sent to us to arrive at the office of the liquidators shown above not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting, but if not, they may be handed to the Chairman at the meeting. By the aforesaid Order, the Court appointed Ian Douglas Barker Bond, or failing him, Timothy Richard Harris to act as Chairman at the said meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.

Dated 21st January 1993

UN Sanctions
 Mr. Aspin also said there was some indication that Iraqi SAM anti-aircraft missiles had been moved back into the no-flight zone. President Bill Clinton had indicated in an interview with The New York Times on the eve of his inauguration that a new kind of relationship with Mr. Saddam might be possible.
 But he then said he had been misinterpreted and has repeatedly stressed that he is continuing U.S. policy of demanding full Iraqi compliance with UN resolutions.
 In Baghdad, Iraq denied that its anti-aircraft batteries fired at U.S. warplanes again and insisted on Sunday that the cease-fire it declared last week remained in effect.
 The denials came a day after U.S. planes attacked Iraqi missile sites for the third time in a week.
 Government-controlled newspapers invited President Clinton to settle issues with the government of Mr. Saddam through dialogue.
 The official Iraqi press agency, INA, said that if U.S. attacks continued, the Clinton administration "will lose its way and its will for peace."
 A commentary in Babel, the newspaper owned and published by President Saddam's oldest son, Uday, hinted at growing Iraqi impatience.
 Nouri Marsoumi, a senior under-

Bomb Kills Turkey Reporter
Reuters
ISTANBUL — A Turkish journalist was killed in Ankara on Sunday when a bomb planted in his car exploded. Turkish state television said the journalist, Ugur Mumcu, was an investigative reporter and editorial writer for the daily Cumhuriyet.

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Valuable Work in Iraq

Iraq's interference with the United Nations' weapons inspectors has been a persistent theme in its sparring with the United States and its allies. Earlier this month the Iraqis threatened UN inspectors with nuclear threats to the country. But last Tuesday they announced a change of heart, and on Thursday 52 technicians and staff from the United Nations' Special Commission on Iraq flew in — the same day American planes bombed an Iraqi radar station in the northern no-flight zone.

A Foreign Policy, Please

The case against the State Department is old and familiar. State's ways are somewhat; its bureaucracy tilts reflexively toward caution and conciliation. As if to reinforce this intrinsic inertia, President Bill Clinton has named as secretary a seasoned lawyer known chiefly as a negotiator, a Carter era survivor who has rarely uttered a foolish — or boat-rocking — word. Whether Warren Christopher has more stirring qualities should soon become apparent. No incoming secretary since World War II has inherited so varied and chaotic an agenda: turmoil in Bosnia, Iraq, Somalia, Haiti, Russia and a score of former Soviet republics.

Unsuited for the Office

Zoe Baird's congressional testimony in explanation of her hiring of two illegal aliens to work in her household and her failure to pay Social Security and other taxes in their behalf added nothing to extenuate what she did. In fact, in certain respects, what came out in the elaboration made it worse. She and the new Clinton administration were right to withdraw her nomination to be attorney general.



Now Stop Appearing Atrocities' Agents in Bosnia

BOSTON — The classic reason for the use of U.S. military force has been to protect U.S. vital interests. In one program statement, Bill Clinton added another: "When our vital interests are challenged, or the will and conscience of the international community is defied, we will act, with peaceful diplomacy whenever possible, with force when necessary."

Outfit America With Goals, Realism and Partners

PARIS — Inauguration day last Wednesday saw the United States wallowing in "leadership" grandstanding, making gestures to show the world that it cannot act without Washington and that America can act when it chooses.

The Challenge to Do Better Than Bush

WASHINGTON — Perhaps Saddam Hussein has decided to use Bill Clinton's accession to the White House as a cover for changing course and learning to live with the United States. That is his way to ease the embargo. That is the clearest reading.

Triangles For Clinton To Inspire

NEW YORK — Almost 30 years ago in the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, the lives of a young army lieutenant, Les Aspin, and three very junior Foreign Service officers in their mid-20s — Anthony Lake, Peter Tarnoff and Frank Wisner — touched, one another. Today the four sit at the pinnacle of power and, together with Secretary of State William Christopher, form two interlocking triangles that will command America's national security machinery.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: 'Boozer' Spurned LONDON — In Mrs. Franklin's action of breach of promise against Mr. E. R. Wilson, a gentleman jockey, the defendant was cross-examined yesterday (Jan. 24). He admitted that he had bought an engagement ring for the plaintiff, but he explained that she pressed him to do so. When he discovered that she was a "real boozer" he would not have married her for £50,000. While staying at his house, her capacity to imbibe whiskey struck him as appalling. She was untidy, and used to stay in bed till late in the day. When she arrived at his house her hat was cocked in an aggressive way.

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CAPITAL MARKETS

France Tests the Waters With a Big Issue in Ecu

By Carl Gewirtz
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — The big event of the international capital markets this week, although nominally a domestic affair, will be the French government's auction of 10-year bonds denominated in European currency units.

Confidence is rising that Europe's currency crisis is past.

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Strikers Again Talk With Cathay Pacific

HONG KONG — Striking flight attendants of Cathay Pacific Airways returned to the bargaining table Sunday, seeking to reverse the management's threat to dismiss some strikers. The talks had broken down early on Saturday over the issue. Rachel Varhese, a spokeswoman for the 3,800-member Flight Attendants Union, said the strikers could not return to work with the threat of being fired "hanging over our heads."

Troubled Westpac Hires an American

SYDNEY — Westpac Banking Corp., troubled by losses and management upheaval, on Sunday named Robert Joss, a vice chairman of Wells Fargo & Co. in San Francisco, as its new managing director. Mr. Joss, 51, an American citizen, will take over in February. He replaces Frank Conroy, who resigned last month in a dispute over the bank's recovery program.

Italian Steel Firm Gets Japanese Help

ROME — Hayao Nakamura, president of Nippon Steel's Italian subsidiary, has been chosen to clean up the mess at the debt-ridden Italian state steel company Iva Spa. The selection of a Japanese outsider as managing director, announced Saturday night by the state holding company IRI, is a clear indication of an official desire to end the system whereby Italy's political parties have carved up top jobs in state companies among their own appointees.

Washington Notebook

Russian Specialist Strobe Talbott Jogged Down the Rhodes to Success

Jogging is a good way to network yourself into a job. It also helps when your jogging partner becomes president of the United States. While he and Bill Clinton were jogging along a South Carolina vacation beach, Strobe Talbott, Time Magazine's Russia specialist, was offered the post of ambassador-at-large with the task of unmanaging the stalled government aid programs to the former Soviet Union.

THE TRIB INDEX

International Herald Tribune World Stock Index, composed of 230 internationally investable stocks from 20 countries, compiled by Bloomberg Business News. Week ending January 22, daily closings. Jan. 1992 = 100.

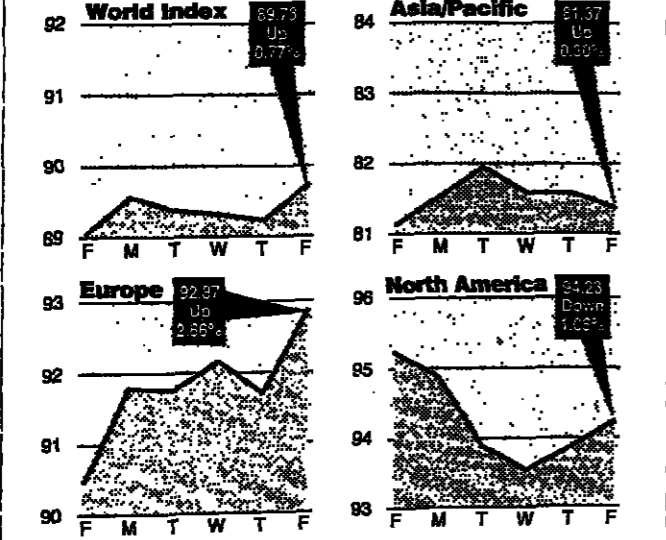


Table with 4 columns: Sector, 1/22/93, 1/19/93, % change. Rows include Energy, Utilities, Finance, Services, Capital Goods, Raw Materials, Consumer Goods, and Miscellaneous.

The index tracks U.S. dollar values of stocks in: Tokyo, New York, London, and Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

CURRENCY RATES

Table with 4 columns: Currency, Par \$, Par 100, Par 1000. Rows include Cross Rates and Forward Rates for various currencies like British Sterling, Deutsche Mark, etc.

IBM Considers Linking Executive Pay to Stock

By John Burgess
Washington Post Service
Hoping to head off a revolt at its spring shareholders meeting, IBM is considering changing the way it compensates top executives and nominates directors, according to sources familiar with the company's position.

BusinessWeek advertisement with topics: Mexico: Tough Year For Salinas, Strategies: Kodak, Pepsi, Novell, Managing Aids, A Personal Story, Scandinavia's Hopeful Glimmer.

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IN MEMORIAM REGINALD F. LEWIS 1942 - 1993. The 5,000 employees of TLC Beatrice International Holdings deeply mourn the passing of their chairman and chief executive officer Reginald F. Lewis in Manhattan on Tuesday, January 19.

WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL BOND PRICES

Provided by Credit Suisse First Boston Limited, London, Tel: 322 40 00. Prices may vary according to market conditions and other factors. Jan. 22

Canadian Dollars

Table listing Canadian bond prices with columns for Issuer, Coupon, Maturity, Price, and Yield.

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NEW YORK (AP) -

The following table shows the weekly international bond prices...

Table listing New York bond prices with columns for Issuer, Coupon, Maturity, Price, and Yield.

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Figures as of close of trading Friday, Jan. 22

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Last Week's Markets

Table with columns for Stock Indexes, Money Rates, and various market data for the week ending Friday, Jan. 22.

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, Jan. 25 - 29

A schedule of the week's economic and financial events, compiled for the International Herald Tribune by Bloomberg Business News.

Summary of economic events and forecasts for the week, including mentions of the Fed, European Central Bank, and various international markets.

Fall in Foreign Demand Hits U.S. Tool Orders

NEW YORK — Orders for American-built machine tools surged in December compared with the depressed levels of a month earlier, but were lower year-on-year and for all of 1992 because of falling foreign demand, an industry group reported Sunday.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

OTC Consolidated trading for week ended Friday, Jan. 22.

Large table listing NASDAQ National Market data, including various stock symbols, prices, and trading volumes.

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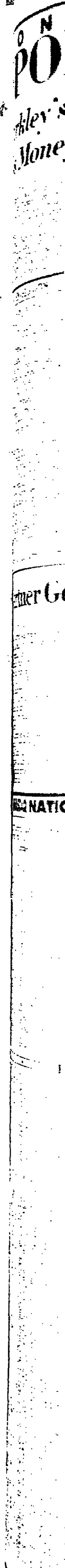
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MONDAY SPORTS SUMO WRESTLING

Akebono: A U.S. Sumo Wrestler on the Verge of Grandeur

Andrew Pollack New York Times Service



Akebono: Promotion almost assured.

TOKYO — A towering 23-year-old American is poised to become the first foreigner to reach the top rank of Japanese sumo wrestling...

hailing the coming of a new yokozuna. "At this tournament, the dawn became a sunrise," the ringside television commentator said...

In sumo, two semi-naked giants slam together and grapple in the center of a clay-floored ring known as a dohyo. The first one to fall or to be pushed from the ring is the loser...

Konishiki, whose real name is Salevaa Atisano, was then quoted as saying that racial discrimination might be blocking his promotion...

star from a sumo family. His father was an ozeki, the second rank, his uncle is a yokozuna and his older brother, Wakahanada, is also a successful wrestler.



Jim Courier and Gabriela Sabatini kept their racquets, as well as their winning records, on the move on Sunday during their fourth-round matches.



Stefan Edberg, seen here in action, was the Australian Open champion in 1987.

Courier Coasts, Injury Puts Edberg in Doubt Graf Gains Quarters, Making It a Habit

By Christopher Clary International Herald Tribune

MELBOURNE — The record book shows that Stefan Edberg was the Australian Open twice, first in 1985 and again in 1987.

If the first week was any indication, Courier is quite capable of taking one more celebratory dip in the nearby Yarra River.

bruela Sabatini of Argentina and No. 4 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain also advanced in straight sets.

Austrian Captures World Cup Slalom, Tomba Is 2d, Again

The Associated Press

VEYSONNAZ, Switzerland — Thomas Stangassinger posted Austria's first World Cup slalom victory in almost two years on Sunday...



Mary Pierce won handily. Her most controversial fan — her father — wasn't there, but he kept in touch by phone.

Open Results

MEN'S SINGLES Sebastian, 1st round Christian Bergström, Sweden, def. Rostan Shalunov, France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; Arnaud Boetsch, France, def. Alexander Volkov, (1), Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; Brett Steven, New Zealand, def. Andrei Olhovskiy, Russia, 6-3, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; Stefan Edberg, (2), Sweden, def. Amos Mansdorf, Israel, 6-3, 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 (7-5); Wayne Ferreira, (1), South Africa, def. Byron Black, Zimbabwe, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (10-8); Richard Fromberg, Australia, def. Carlos Costa, (1), Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3), 2-6, 6-3; Michael Washington, (1), U.S., def. Jonathan Stark, U.S., 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-4; Peter Sampras, (3), U.S., def. Alex Antonitsch, Austria, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, 6-2.

SIDELINES

Crashes, Death Mar Monte Carlo Rally

MONTE CARLO (Reuters) — World champion Carlos Sainz of Spain and his Lancia teammate Andrea Agnini of Italy both pulled out of the Monte Carlo Rally on Sunday after crashes.

AC Milan, Barely, Posts Another Mark

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ROME — Runaway Italian leaders AC Milan needed a late penalty to squeeze past visiting Genoa, 1-0, on Sunday to etch yet another entry in the record books.

Schott Hints at a Legal Challenge

DALLAS (WP) — As Marge Schott met in a Dallas suburb with members of major league baseball's ruling executive council, it became clear that the Cincinnati Reds' owner almost certainly will not accept any severe form of punishment without a fight.

For the Record

Tashkent, the capital of the republic of Uzbekistan, has withdrawn its bid to host the 2000 Summer Olympic Games, apparently because it would not be able to build the proper facilities.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT You will find below a listing of job positions published last Thursday in the International Herald Tribune under the International Recruitment Feature

ESCORTS & GUIDES INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED (Continued From Page 3)

One Keeps the Faith, the Other Doesn't

By Suzy Menkes
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — If couture has a future — and that's the big debate at the Spring/Summer shows — Christian Lacroix is it. He proved Sunday that high fashion can be spirited and fresh without abandoning its great tradition.

PARIS FASHION

Lower of couture against sniping criticism, demands for restructuring and a barrage of financial changes.

Lacroix responded to the new yearning for romance, softness and poetry among modern women, using nimbus clouds of iridescent chiffon and waterfalls of asymmetric layers. He also, in his fashion, embraced simplicity, refining the silhouette and basing drape on easy jackets and putty-soft pants.

Decorations were done with a light hand, from the scattered embroideries to appliques of lace. And his bright colors had moved from major to minor key, bringing in dusky African shades from sunbaked mud to copper-brown.

A drumbeat of the raw and tribal came too in rough fabrics — say a ruffia corset gripping a wrap of verdigris chiffon or an organza ball skirt checked with straw. These primitive effects gave a ruffled collection a whiff of the harsh, barbaric outside world.

Lacroix never makes couture look like ready-to-wear or pretends that such luxury can be politically correct. But his strength is that he captures fashion's new spirit — in the nonchalant way a jacket is stouched open; in the shrunken T-shirt under a bare midriff top made as a tiny embroidered vest. There was something deliciously witty in the way a rose-sprinkled chiffon dress dripped off to show a brief slip of black lace and pleated tulle.

Whereas couture shows so often seem staid or stilted, Lacroix seems rather a designer at the peak of his powers. This said, his ideas can be beyond his studio's capability, for sometimes evening dresses had their chiffon wings

clipped by heavy draping and fluted pants looked sodden. Using couture suppliers, Lacroix can create romantic straw hats, funky bags stretched like the skins of an African drum, or weird and wonderful bangles snaking up the arm. He has a rare talent for making traditional couture in the modern manner.

"Be modern. Be today. Me, Karl and Christian have to change the couture," announced Gianni Versace after his weekend show, in which he linked himself in a triumphal triumvirate with Karl Lagerfeld and Lacroix.

Versace's show could certainly be described as postmodern — if you take that to mean the abandonment of a fixed identity for couture, a hybridizing of styles, and the concept that anything can offer (including Madonna as a fashion celeb to the audience) is equally significant. To put it more succinctly, the show was a mish-mash.

Its high point was a pair of swashbuckling romantic georgette shirts falling in a waterfall of ruffles. But this d'Artagnan dash petered out into embroidered leggings (last year's trend) or a flutter of gladiator pleated skirt, which Versace has shown before. For those who care about hemlines, daytime skirts were right back at mid-high.

The show started with sailor tailoring; navy cropped tops or curly peva coats, worn with flared pants or the brief pleated skirts showing a length of horizontally striped boots ending in a matching ankle boot. Sometimes these stripes turned into art and psychodelia, as bands in varying widths and different bright colors blocked one sleeve, a jacket back or the front of shorts. Individual pieces were fine — say a navy pea jacket with button-holes worked in different primary colors. Yet it might just as well have been upscale ready-to-wear, especially as jersey was a favored fabric.

Versace's message, such as it was, seemed to be for simplicity, which meant bell-bottom dresses — sculpting the body on the bias and then breaking out into a mermaid's tail at the ankles. Slashes here and there, filled in with sheer chiffon or the naval stripes, were special effects. But if simplicity is to soar, it has to reach a summit of



Lacroix's chemise frock coat with lace vest, left; Versace's bell-bottom dress with inset stripes.

fashion's New Wave. He had also given up on makeup, giving a Ghosbuster pallor even to familiar faces. Leander Hirsch, a 10-year-old habitué of haute couture in the company of his mother, Renata, pronounced himself "bitterly disappointed" that his idols Claudia Schiffer and Linda Evangelista weren't on the runway.

And there you have Versace's problem. He cornered the market in hot couture, which meant staging spectacular shows in which

the heavenly bodies of the goddesses of the runway took the starring role. Now he is trying to come down to earth.

LANGUAGE

The 'Bubble' Cauldron Bubbles

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Objection has been taken about the origin of the metaphorical place now occupied by the new U.S. president: to be in the bubble.

That's where William Jefferson Clinton is living today, whether he likes it or not. The incarcerated feeling is not new: Harry Truman once pointed to the White House and said, "There is the big white jail." But the bubble is new, I speculated that its origin may be the protective plastic bubble over an open-top car in which the president sometimes rides during motorcades.

A half-dozen Lexicographic Irregulars pointed to a different origin: "Emotional isolation was the major theme," Mark S. Jackson of Rochester, N.Y. writes, "of a made-for-television movie, 'The Boy in the Plastic Bubble,' which aired in 1976." Martin Ostrow of New York also remembered the case on which John Travolta movie was based: "That young child whose immune system was so delicate that he spent his entire youth in a plastic cover or what doctors and the press referred to as a 'plastic bubble.'"

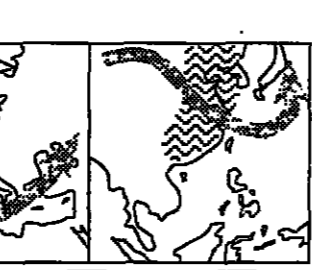
That image was the source of the phrase on which the inaugural oath set forth in the Constitution, as the president-elect repeats after the chief justice, "I do solemnly

swear" to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Chief justices must check out the swear-affirm preference beforehand. They cannot very well intone, "I do solemnly swear or affirm," lest the person being sworn repeat both: it has to be on the other. And justices usually ask the president-to-be if he wants to include "so help me God" at the end, a rousing conclusion that is not in the Constitutional oath but was added by George Washington and has been used by every president since.

WEATHER

Table with columns for location, today's high/low, and tomorrow's high/low. Locations include Europe, Asia, North America, Middle East, Latin America, and Oceania.



Forecast for Tuesday through Thursday. Weather conditions are described for various regions including North America, Europe, and Asia.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a solution key. Clues include 'Krazy', 'Conida cry', 'Old Macdonald's kibbutzim?', etc.

BOOKS

THE MAN WHO WAS LATE
By Louis Begley. 243 pages. \$21. Alfred A. Knopf.

upon," a cultivated, self-created man who has managed to misplace his authentic self.

Central to the story is Ben's adulterous affair with Veronique, Jack's beautiful cousin, who is married to a possessive businessman in Paris.

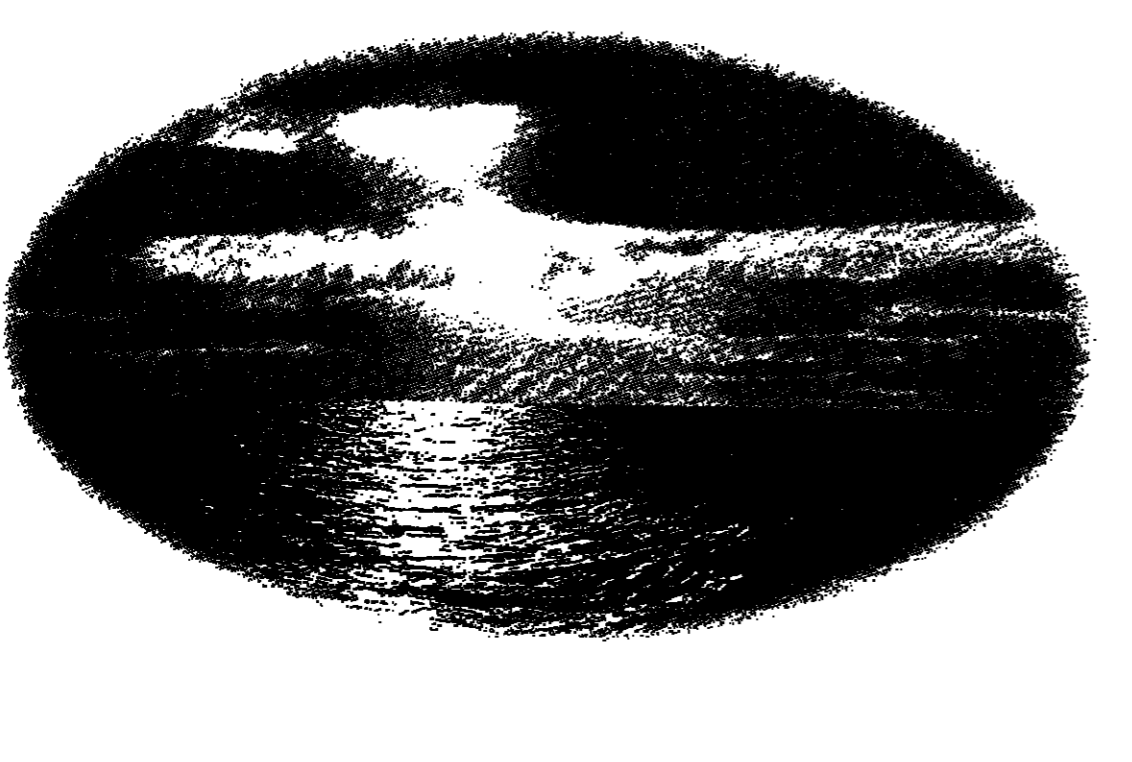
heighten the story's emotional impact. Begley writes with marvelous authority about the world of high finance and the world of the leisured rich, and his eye for detail and social ritual imbue this book with a rich patina of verisimilitude.

Some partnerships have a sensible agreement that a pass following a minor-suit opening, a take-out double and a redouble shows length in the opener's suit.

BRIDGE

THE world's strongest mother-and-daughter partnership is probably the Manhattan combination of Gail Greenberg, who has won four world titles, and Jill Blanchard, who was a candidate for the 1991 United States open team.

Bridge hand analysis table with columns for NORTH, WEST, SOUTH (D), EAST and rows for cards and suit/point counts.



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